



Office of Administrative Hearings

FY 2005 Service
Rates

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Who We Are

- OAH is an independent state agency
- Created in 1982 as an independent forum for citizens challenging government decisions
- Conduct impartial administrative hearings for other government agencies
- Provide independent, professional, and timely "due process" hearings for a wide variety of state and local agencies



Our Mission

- To hold fair and independent hearings for the public and for government agencies, and to issue sound and timely decisions.



Our Customers Include:

- Employment Security Department
- Department of Social and Health Services
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Liquor Control Board
- Department of Licensing
- More than 20 other state and local agencies



Our Services

- Impartial and independent ALJs with expertise in both administrative and substantive law
- Accessible and economical hearings by telephone or in person
- Respectful, professional, and fair treatment of the parties
- Hearings which are scheduled promptly and conducted efficiently
- A fully developed hearing record
- Researched and reasoned written decisions which are timely and understandable



Where We Are Located

- We have 9 offices in 6 cities:
 - Olympia
 - Everett
 - Seattle
 - Vancouver
 - Yakima
 - Spokane



Service Changes and Initiatives

- Made major system changes as a result of changes in unemployment insurance law
- Continue to move towards more telephone hearings
- District court model periodically scheduled
- Technology
 - Voice recognition software
 - Digital imaging
 - Digital recording



Rates Haven't Changed Since 1998

- \$80 per hour for Administrative Law Judge time
- \$45 per hour for Support Staff time
- Travel, interpreter fees, and court reporters billed separately
- Will continue at this rate through the end of this biennium



Rates Will Increase in 2005-07

- \$85 per hour for ALJ time
- \$47 per hour for Support Staff time
- Travel, Interpreter fees, and court reporters billed separately



For More Information

- Visit our website at <http://www.oah.wa.gov/>
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